THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) 37 Hydro-electric projects with aggregate capacity of 14,344 MW are presently under construction in the country.

(b) and (c) 9 Hydro-electric projects with aggregate capacity of 3,765 MW are programmed to be commissioned during the year 2003-04.

Equal distribution of extra unallocated power

4292. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in accordance with the Indus-Water Treaty and consequent agreement on sharing the water of Sutlej, Ravi and Beas rivers of 1984, the participating States were to get equal distribution of extra-unallocated power generated by the various Thermal Power Stations;

(b) if so, whether Rajasthan is getting its fair share of the extra-unallocated power from these power stations; and

(c) if not, then how would Government ensure that all participating States adhere to the initial agreement and that all States get fair distribution of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The Indus-Water Treaty signed in the year 1960 and the agreements signed by the Chief Ministers of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan on 31.12.1981 regarding the allocations of surplus (Ravi-Beas) water does not contain any provision for distribution of extra unallocated power generated by Thermal Power Stations.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Production capacity of power projects in Eastern Region

†4293. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production capacity of the power producing projects of eastern region are more than the need for consumption of power in that region;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.